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There are places which appear as first sight inscessible to romance: and sight inscessible to romance: and such a place was Mr. Wardlaw's dining room in Russel Square. It was very large, had sichly green walls, pleked had son waith aldermen, full length, heavy out with aldermen, full length, heavy out with aldermen, full length; heavy out with aldermen, full length; heavy in the centre, pristling and glesming tarkey carpet an inch thick; and was lighted with wax candles only.

In the centre, pristling and glesming with allyer and glass, was a room with allyer and glass, was a room sable, at which fourteen could have comfortably; and at oppose of this table saf two gentlements on the safe way, precise, a

Arthur Wardlaw resembled his father

singularly white and delicate, olue eyes, largish ears, finely chis-features, the under lip much or than the upper; his chin oval retry, but somewhat receding; his lexion beautiful. In short when the Wardlaws were in full

sober room.
This however, was not for want of a topic on the contrary, they had a matter of great importance to discuss, and in fact this was why they dined tote a fals; but their tongues were tied for

tion, and bolsterous ridicule.

At lust, however, abose three smug bypocrites retired, and, by good lust, transferred their suffocating eperges to the sidehoard; so then father and son looked at one another with that conscious air which naturally precedes a topic of interest; and Wardiaw senior invited his son to try a certain decanter of rare old nort by way of preliminary. ware of rare old port, by way of preliminary.
While the young man fills his glass, hurl we in his antecedents.
At school till fricen, and then clerk in his father's office till twenty-two, to the room now returned to what sell in his father's office till twenty-two, to continued until it was broken and showed an aptitude so remarkable that John Wardlaw, who was getting

put the reins of government into his bands. But he conceived a desire that the future head of his office should be an university map. So he announced his resolution, and to Oxford went young Wardiaw, though he had not looked at Greek or Latin for seven years. He was, however, furnished with aprivate tutor, under whom he recovered lost ground rapidity. The Reverend Robert Penjoid was a first-class man, and had the gift ofteaching. The house of Wardiaw had peculiar relaims on him, for he was the son of

saya be, in conclusion, 'you set root bind drunk to sad. Both in crocked blind drunk to sad. Both in the extent come of Mr. Champion, and this unexpected saily of will caused shrinks of laughter, and champion of a mother window. He compilined the he president, Then the ingenious Wardinw, not having come down form a great mistake,—be denied in the bearing of the ingenious Wardinw, not him, and the president in the president, the bind, and the president in the president

"We begg witness that submit ford wrote these two words Robert Pen-law, of St. Luke's College, has ensured fold?" Toung Wardisw took the document,

SEGRORGE RICHARDS

an's fancy; but I have often seen in e world what a stamp these Universi-se put upon a man, To send you bask om commerce to Latin and Greek, as

went violently all the time his father was speaking, and when he ceased he sank into his chair with another state deeper than the sank into his chair whit another than the last, and two half hy deeper than the last, and two half hy terical tears came to his pale eyes.

against all this mysterious emotion, and faltered out that he should not fear the responsibility if he might have constant recourse to his father for ad-

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